

REMARKS

Claims 1-59 are in the application for consideration.


A plethora (at least 22) of species/embodiment restrictions have been lodged in a patent application containing only 59 claims, only 5 of which are independent. Further, the detailed description of preferred embodiments of the specification is only 13 pages long. The number of species identified by the Examiner is seen to be excessive in the extreme, and an incredible abuse of discretion, potentially subjecting the Applicant to multiple costly separate continuation or division-like application filings to completely prosecute specific claims directed to each of the stated species. Indeed, claims have yet to be presented to even some of the specific stated species/embodiments the Examiner alleges.

It is requested that the Examiner withdraw, or at least reduce, the plethora of species restrictions. Nevertheless, the undersigned appreciates and acknowledges the patent office admission by the restriction requirement that each of the stated species/embodiments are patentably distinct relative to one another. Accordingly, prior art applied during prosecution, or discovered subsequent thereto, which is directed to only any one of the plethora of stated species by definition will not preclude patentability of claims directed to any other of the stated species.

The undersigned hereby elects Species V. Claims 1-39 and 52-59 are generic thereto. Applicant further elects embodiments A1, B1, C1, D1 and E1. Claims 1-19, 21-27, 29-32, 34-39 and 52-59 are readable thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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